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SUBJECT: TAJIK CAPITAL CLAMPS DOWN ON CD PIRACY

11. Tajikistan is building on its impressive narcotics interdiction record with a new campaign against CD piracy. According to Asia, Plus, the tax police, Ministry of Security and other law enforcement agencies have seized over 90,000 CDs and DVDs in a month-long operation. Raids on Dushanbe vendors have resulted in shutting down 35 pirate operations. Most of the illegal, unlicensed merchandise is imported into Tajikistan, probably from Russia, but possibly from China too. News reports claim that Tajikistan is considering asking for Russian help to further the investigation.

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